



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

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*We invite you to join us and one another in worship. Since we cannot physically gather together in the space we all love so much, we gather together in different spaces, different homes, perhaps even different provinces: But we gather together still connected, and still in hope. Throughout this service you may follow along and pray and sing aloud, in the same ways you usually would. We hope this time together uplifts you and reminds us all that we can and will always come together in prayer.*

## **Welcome**

*Steven Mackison*

**Prelude: “In Christ there is no East or West” – arr. John Fahey**

*Mike Daley*

## **✠ The Gathering of the Community**

*Officiant: Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Gloria in excelsis Deo**

*Will Reid*

**Gloria, Alleluia!**

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Priest:* O God,  
the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy,  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal,  
that we lose not the things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **First Reading**

*Doug Smith*

*Reader:* A Reading from Genesis.

Then Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will

serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Genesis 29.15-28

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 128 – *George Black*

*Nigel Fung*

**Refrain**



Happy are they all who revere God,  
and who follow in God's ways!  
You shall eat the fruit of your labour;  
happiness and prosperity shall be yours. **Refrain**

Your union shall be fruitful within your house,  
your children like olive shoots round about your table.  
Whoever fears God  
shall thus indeed be blessed. **Refrain**

May God bless you from Zion,  
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.  
May you live to see your children's children;  
may peace be upon Israel. **Refrain**

## Second Reading

*Jenny Kerber*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

**Romans 8.26-39**

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*



## Sequence Hymn: “The Reign of God”

*Dan Norman/Will Reid*



1.The reign of God, like farm-er's field, Bears weeds a - long with  
2.The reign of God, can - not be found in far - off, for - eign  
3.The reign of God is like a pearl On bar - ren land con -  
4.Though hid - den now, the reign of God May, yet un - no - ticed,  
5.Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God From ti - ny seed will  
6.The reign of God is come in Christ; The reign of God is



wheat; The good and bad are in - ter - twined Till har - vest is com - plete.  
land Till in fa - mil - iar face and place We find it close at hand.  
cealed. If once you find that pre - cious pearl, Go out and buy that field.  
grow; From deep with - in it ris - es up, Like yeast in swell - ing dough.  
spread, Till birds of ev - 'ry feath - er come To nest, and there be fed.  
near. A - blaze a - mong us, kin - dling hearts, The reign of God is here!

Text: Matthew 13.24-33,44-49, Mark 4.26-34; Delores Dufner, OSB, b.1939, © 1995, 203, GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: McKee, CM; African American; adapt. by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949.

## The Gospel

*Steven Mackison*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

*Nate Wall*

*We pause for music and meditation.*

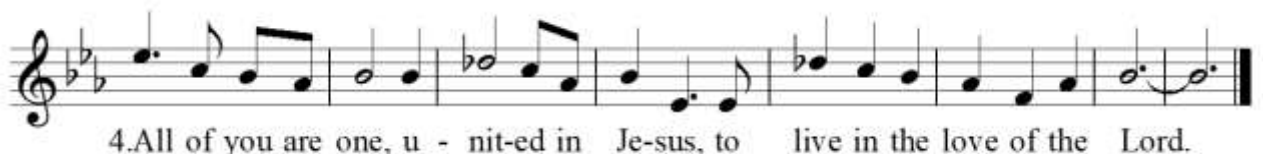
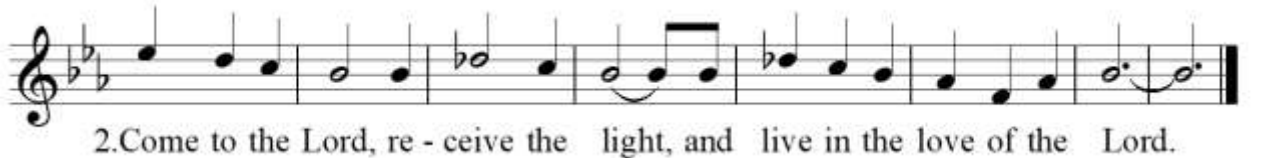
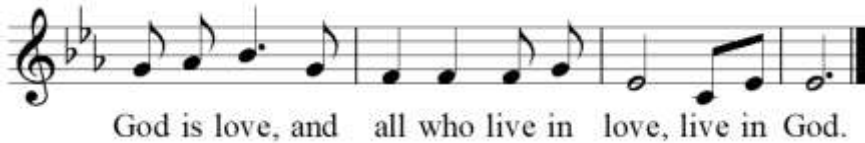
## Meditation

*Mike & Jill Daley*

Hymn: #629 (Gather) “God is Love”

*Mike & Jill Daley*

## Refrain



# The Prayers of the People

Peter Dale

*Leader:* May the Spirit pray through us as we try to put into words the longings of our hearts for the Church and for the world. Father, we thank you for all who have helped us to pray and to grasp something of your great love and power. We ask your blessing and empowering for all who teach and minister in your name; we ask for our Sunday worship to be an overflowing of our daily walk with you, an expression of our deepening love.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Lord of all creation:

**All: Teach us your ways.**

*Leader:* Father, we thank you for the beauty and diversity of the created world we inhabit. We ask for the wisdom to tend it carefully, respecting the natural laws and sharing the resources, listening to the weak as well as the strident voices, the poor as well as the affluent and powerful.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Lord of all creation:

**All: Teach us your ways.**

*Leader:* Father, we thank you for the candour and innocence of the very young, and for the joy of friendship; for all with whom we share our daily life, and those we love but seldom meet. We ask for hearts that are skilled in listening, so that we discern and respond to genuine need.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Lord of all creation:

**All: Teach us your ways.**

*Leader:* Father, we thank you for the advances in medical knowledge and the hope of new treatments for many diseases. We pray for all in medical research and all whose lives are crippled or disadvantaged by illness, frailty or damage. Give comfort and reassurance, healing, wholeness and peace to all.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Lord of all creation:

**All: Teach us your ways.**

*Leader:* Father, we call to mind all those we have known and loved who lived among us and now have died. We pray for all who made that journey unnoticed and alone. We ask that they may all know your mercy and the everlasting peace of heaven.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Bring comfort and healing to their loved ones and fill us with faith in the resurrected life that awaits us.

*Leader:* Lord of all creation:

*All:* **Teach us your ways.**

*Leader:* Father, we thank you for your wisdom and truth, your understanding and generosity. We acknowledge our total dependence on you, and praise you for providing us with all we need.

*Please add your prayers of thanksgiving over in the chat box*

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end.

*All:* **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Doxology

*Steven Mackison*

*Priest:* Glory to God,

*All:* **whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**



# Hymn: #345 (Common Praise) “King of Glory, King of Peace”

Dan Norman/Will Reid



1. King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;  
2. Where - fore with my ut - most art I will sing thee;  
3. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;



and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.  
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.  
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.



Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;  
Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;  
Small it is, in this poor sort to en - rol thee:



thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.  
and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.  
even e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

Text: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: Joseph David Jones (1827-1870)

## The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

**Priest:** Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Ministry Updates

Steven Mackison

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